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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Int.C1⁷ C07D213/69, 309/38, 311/56, 413/10, 407/10, 215/22,
 A61K31/366, 31/37, 31/4412, 31/4439, 31/4704, 31/5377,
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
 CAPLUS (STN), CAOLD (STN), REGISTRY (STN), MEDLINE (STN), EMBASE (STN)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	JP 2001-89412 A (Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.), 03 April, 2001 (03.04.01), Example 144 (Family: none)	1-22, 25, 28, 30, 34, 37, 39, 41, 42
A	JP 2002-371078 A (Sankyo Co., Ltd.), 26 December, 2002 (26.12.02), Table 2 (Family: none)	1-22, 25, 28, 30, 34, 37, 39, 41, 42
A	JP 2001-504080 A (Cornell Research Foundation, Inc.), 27 March, 2001 (27.03.01), & WO 96/22021 A1 & AU 9647586 A & EP 808103 A1	1-22, 25, 28, 30, 34, 37, 39, 41, 42

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X A	WO 01/79187 A2 (CYTOVIA, INC.), 25 October, 2001 (25.10.01), CAS RN: compounds of 369389-17-3, 369389-19-5, 369389-21-9, 369389-63-9, 369389-65-1 & WO 01/79187 A3 & US 2002/010169 A1 & EP 1324993 A2	6, 9 1-5, 7, 8, 10-22, 25, 28, 30, 34, 37, 39, 41, 42
X A	RACHEDI, Y. et al., Synthesis of 4-hydroxy-6-methyl-3-β-arylpropionyl-2-pyrones by selective catalytic hydrogenation of 3-cinnamoyl-4-hydroxy-6-methyl-2-pyrones, Synthetic Communications, 1989, Vol.19, No.20, p.3437-42, CAS RN: compound of 128145-82-4 & Chemical abstracts 113:58843	6, 9 1-5, 7, 8, 10-22, 25, 28, 30, 34, 37, 39, 41, 42
X A	JP 41-1412 B1 (Research Institute For Production Development), 03 February, 1966 (03.02.66), CAS RN: compound of 5169-90-4 (Family: none)	6 1-5, 7-22, 25, 28, 30, 34, 37, 39, 41, 42
X A	JP 50-46666 A (Toray Industries, Inc.), 25 April, 1975 (25.04.75), CAS RN: compound of 57339-78-3 (Family: none)	14 1-13, 15-22, 25, 28, 30, 34, 37, 39, 41, 42
X A	UKITA, Chunoshin et al., In vitro screening of tricarbonylmethane and related compounds for their antitumor effect by cylinder agar plate method, Chemical & Pharmaceutical Bulletin, 1961, Vol.8, p.1016-20, CAS RN: compound of 94578-81-1 & Chemical abstracts 58:48844	14 1-13, 15-22, 25, 28, 30, 34, 37, 39, 41, 42
X A	KALECHITS, G.V. et al., Synthesis and properties of 3-cinnamoyl-4-hydroxy-2-quinolone, Russian Journal of General Chemistry (Translation of Zhurnal Obshchei Khimii), 2001, Vol.71, No.8, pages 1257 to 1260, CAS RN: compound of 428818-04-6 & Chemical abstracts 136:401624	22 1-21, 25, 28, 30, 34, 37, 39, 41, 42
A	US 4017633 A (SMITHKLINE CORP.), 12 April, 1977 (12.04.77), (Family: none)	1-22, 25, 28, 30, 34, 37, 39, 41, 42

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A	WO 97/35565 A1 (Toray Industries, Inc.), 02 October, 1997 (02.10.97), & CA 2222471 AA & AU 9720436 A1 & AU 721881 B2 & EP 841063 A1 & CN 1194580 A & NO 9705439 A & US 6215016 B1	1-22, 25, 28, 30, 34, 37, 39, 41, 42
A	JP 3-503635 A (The Upjohn Co.), 15 August, 1991 (15.08.91), & WO 89/07939 A2 & WO 89/07939 A3 & AU 8940747 A1 & EP 403535 A1 & DK 9001956 A	1-22, 25, 28, 30, 34, 37, 39, 41, 42
A	JP 9-227547 A (Mitsui Toatsu Chemicals, Inc.), 02 September, 1997 (02.09.97), (Family: none)	1-22, 25, 28, 30, 34, 37, 39, 41, 42
P, A	JP 2004-123621 A (Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.), 22 April, 2004 (22.04.04), (Family: none)	1-3, 10, 11, 13
P, A	JP 2004-123620 A (Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.), 22 April, 2004 (22.04.04), (Family: none)	1-3, 10, 12, 14
P, A	WO 03/080592 A1 (Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.), 02 October, 2003 (02.10.03), & JP 2004-175780 A	1-5, 7, 8

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: (see extra sheet.)
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Claims 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 31 to 33, 35, 36, 38 and 40 relating to methods for treatment of the human body by therapy are described.
2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

The technical feature common to the inventions of claims 1-22, 25, 28, 30, 34, 37, 39, 41 and 42 is compounds having as the partial structure ring structures represented by the general formula (i):

(i)

(wherein A is a benzene ring or a pyridine ring; and W_0 is O or N), but compounds having such partial structures are publicly known (see, e.g., WO 01/79187 A2 (CYTOVIA, INC.) 25.October, 2001) (25.10.01).

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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Such being the case, the inventions of claims 1-22, 25, 28, 30, 34, 37, 39, 41 and 42 have no common technical feature beyond the prior art, and are therefore not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept.

(Concerning the scope of search)

Claim 1 includes extremely many compounds as active ingredients of pharmaceutical compositions. However, few of the claimed compounds are supported by the description within the meaning of PCT Article 6 and disclosed within the meaning of PCT Article 5.

In this international search report, search has been made on the parts supported by the description and disclosed therein.

The same applies to claims 2-6, 10-12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 25, 28, 30, 34, 37 and 39.

Search on claim 12 has been made, in view of the disclosure of the description, on the basis of the interpretation that the wording "with the proviso thatXc group.... are excluded" at the end in the definition of "group X₅" in claim 12 is an error and should be "with the proviso thatXe group.... are excluded".

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Claims 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 31-33, 35, 36, 38 and 40